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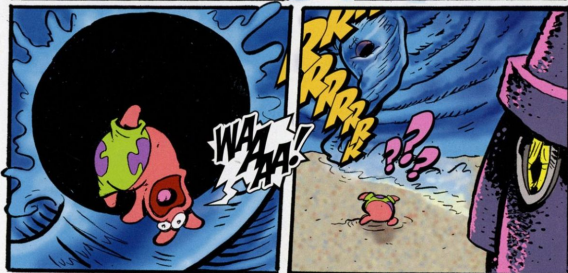
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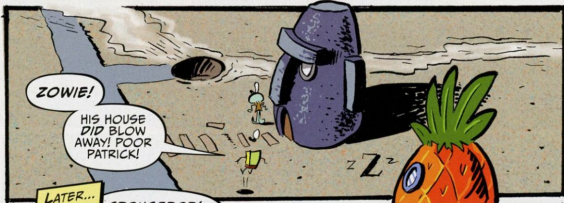
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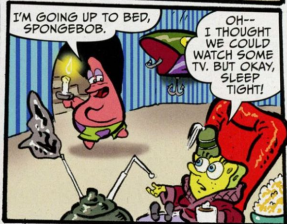
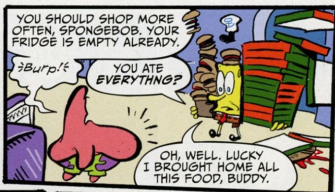
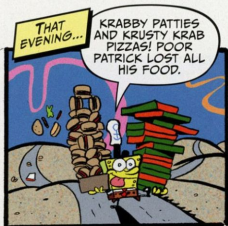
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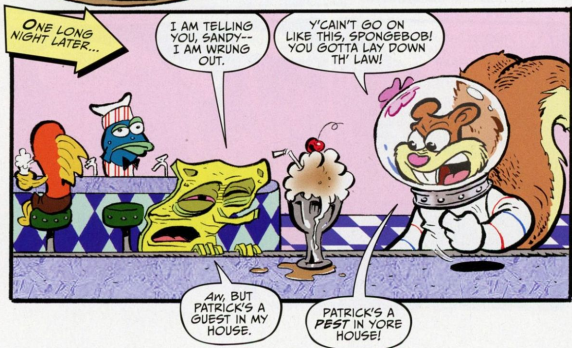
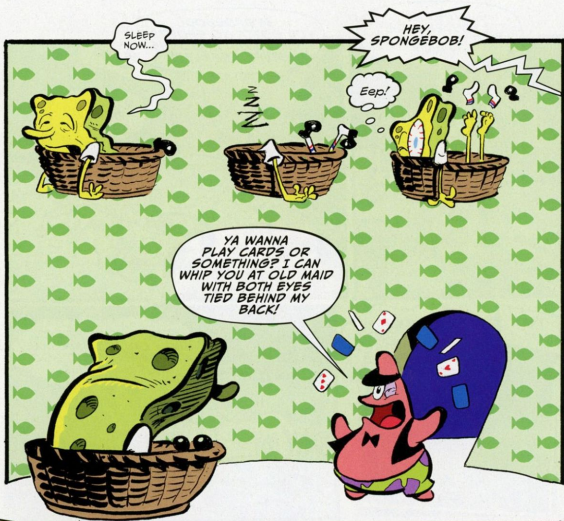
GUEST to PEST

BY SCOTT ROBERTS

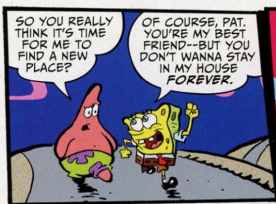














OKAY, I CAN MAKE YOU A NEW ROCK JUST LIKE YOUR OLD ONE. HOW MUCH ARE YOU LOOKING TO SPEND?

I'VE GOT A PIECE OF GUM. YOU LIKE GUM? IT'S GOT SOME FLAVOR LEFT.



OH, YOU WANT IT FOR FREE, HUH? WHY DOES EVERYONE THINK ARTISTS DON'T NEED TO BE PAID?!

RUN! MY FOLKS WERE RIGHT! ARTISTS ARE CRAZY!

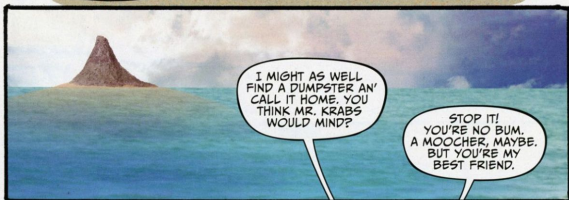


WE TRIED NEW ROCKS, USED ROCKS, CUSTOM-MADE ROCKS. WELL, THAT'S IT, SPONGEBOB.

Y'KNOW, MY HIGH SCHOOL VOTED ME "MOST LIKELY TO BE A BUM." THEY WERE RIGHT.



NO, PATRICK, THEY WERE **WRONG!** YOU'RE...WAIT--YOU WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL?

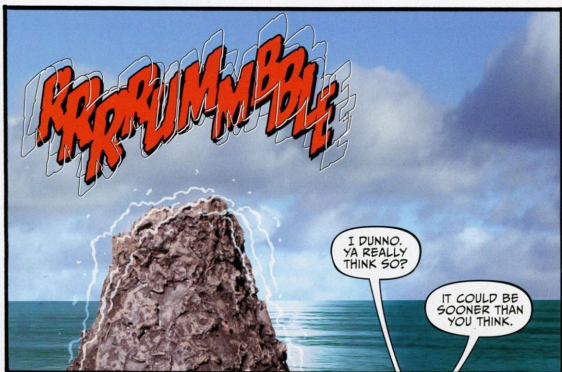


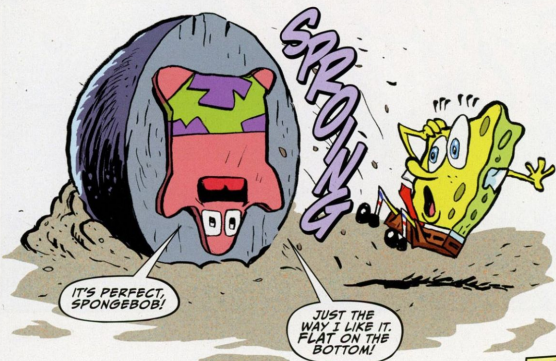
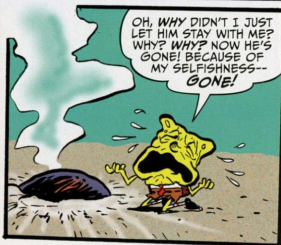
I MIGHT AS WELL FIND A DUMPSTER AN' CALL IT HOME. YOU THINK MR. KRABS WOULD MIND?

STOP IT! YOU'RE NO BUM. A MOOCHER, MAYBE. BUT YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND.



AND THINGS ARE GONNA WORK OUT. YOU'LL SEE. I'VE GOT A FEELING SOMETHING'LL COME UP **REAL** SOON.





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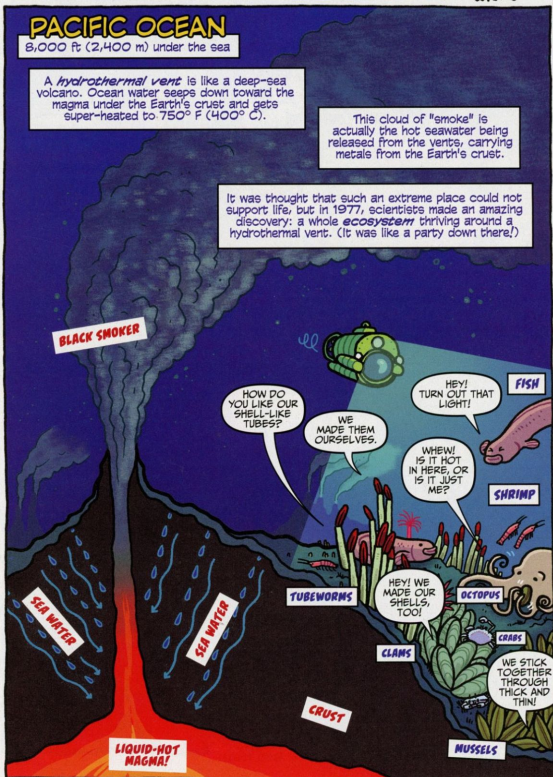
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8,000 ft (2,400 m) under the sea

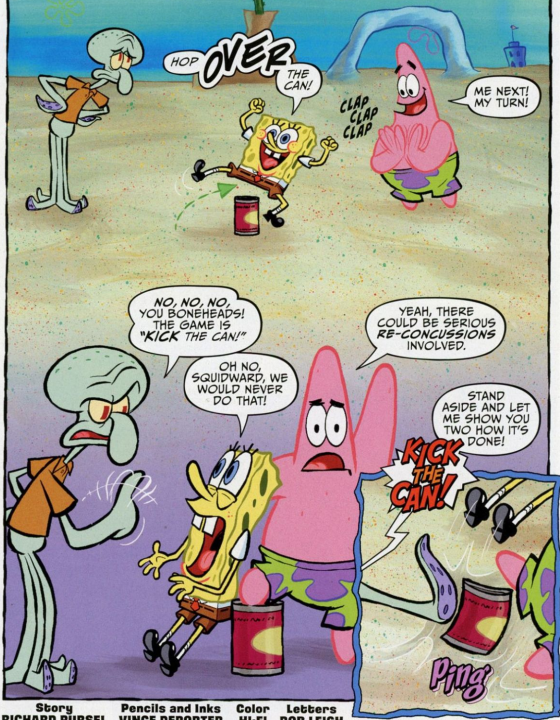
A *hydrothermal vent* is like a deep-sea volcano. Ocean water seeps down toward the magma under the Earth's crust and gets super-heated to 750° F (400° C).

This cloud of "smoke" is actually the hot seawater being released from the vents, carrying metals from the Earth's crust.

It was thought that such an extreme place could not support life, but in 1977, scientists made an amazing discovery: a whole *ecosystem* thriving around a hydrothermal vent. (It was like a party down there!)



KICK the CAN



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RAWRR!

GAAAA!!



GULP!

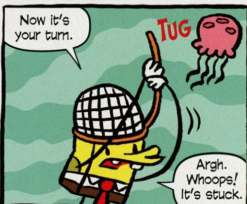
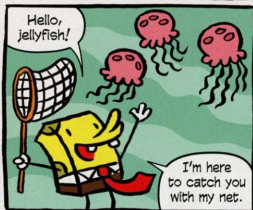
GET ME OUT OF HERE!

WE TOLD YA NOT TO KICK THE CAN.

SLURP!

YOU'LL BE FINE--
AFTER NATURE RUNS
ITS COURSE!
HAHAHAHA!

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LAVABLE PIN-UP COMIC

Carefully remove the
next two pages if you want
to hang up Patrick and
SpongeBob's volcanic journey.



WAGWAG MORIONS



WHAT WAS IT
MR. KRABS SAID
ABOUT NOT COMING
TO THIS ISLAND?

I DON'T
REMEMBER.

THERE'S
SOMETHING HERE
HE DOESN'T WANT
US TO FIND.

I HOPE IT'S
CAKE!

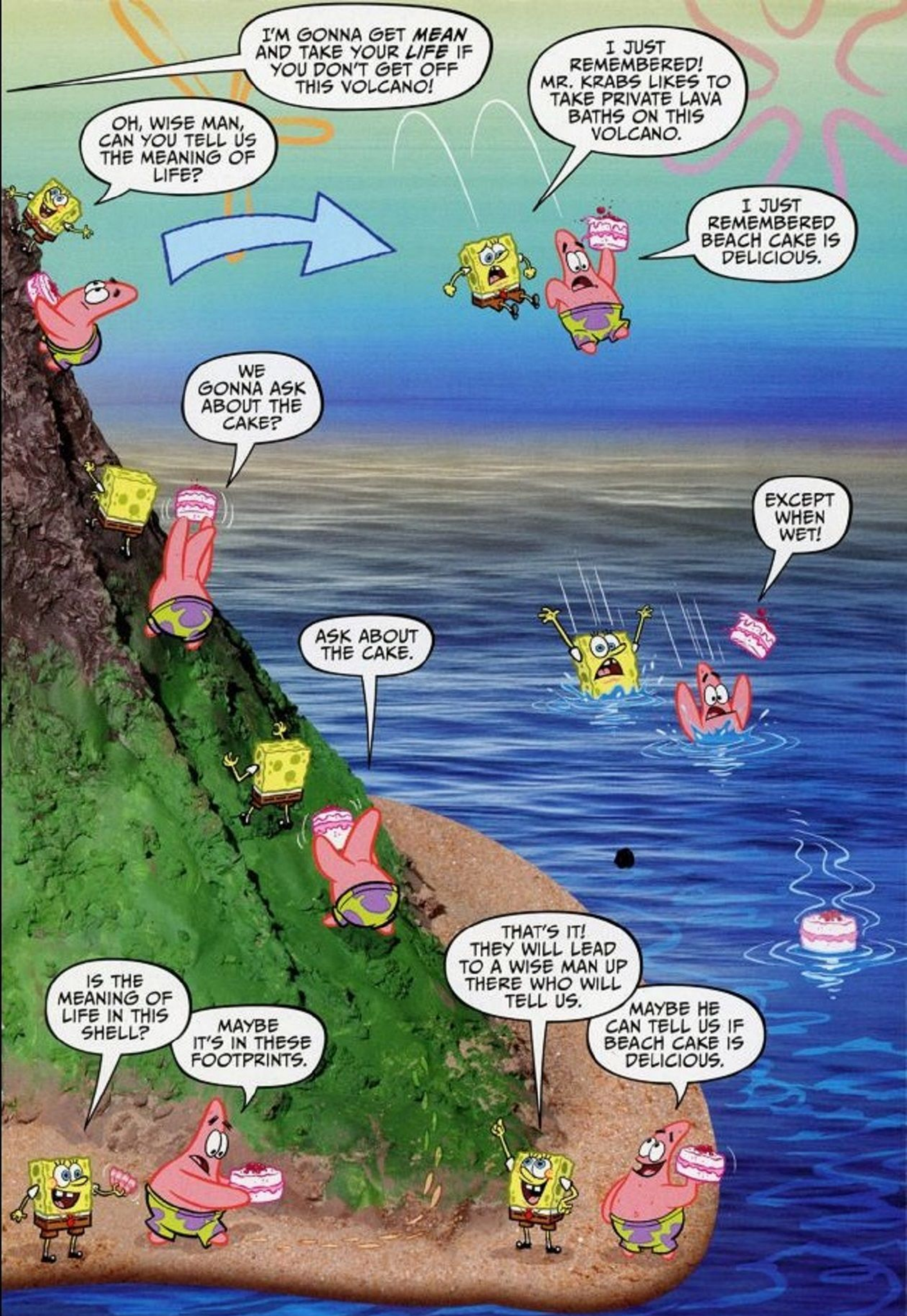
NO,
IT'S GOT
TO BE
SOMETHING
BIGGER.

THE
MEANING
OF LIFE?

THAT'S IT!
WE'LL FIND THE
MEANING OF
LIFE HERE!

THEN WHAT
SHOULD I DO
WITH THIS CAKE
I FOUND IN THE
SAND?

IS THE
MEANING OF
LIFE IN THESE
ROCKS?



I'M GONNA GET MEAN
AND TAKE YOUR LIFE IF
YOU DON'T GET OFF
THIS VOLCANO!

OH, WISE MAN,
CAN YOU TELL US
THE MEANING OF
LIFE?

I JUST
REMEMBERED!
MR. KRABS LIKES TO
TAKE PRIVATE LAVA
BATHS ON THIS
VOLCANO.

I JUST
REMEMBERED
BEACH CAKE IS
DELICIOUS.

WE
GONNA ASK
ABOUT THE
CAKE?

EXCEPT
WHEN
WET!

ASK ABOUT
THE CAKE.

THAT'S IT!
THEY WILL LEAD
TO A WISE MAN
THERE WHO WILL
TELL US.

MAYBE HE
CAN TELL US IF
BEACH CAKE IS
DELICIOUS.

IS THE
MEANING OF
LIFE IN THIS
SHELL?

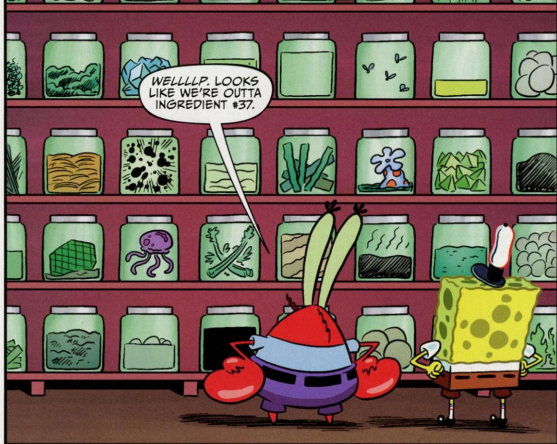
MAYBE
IT'S IN THESE
FOOTPRINTS.

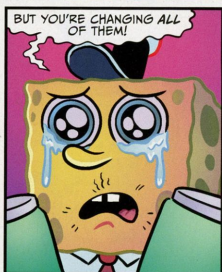
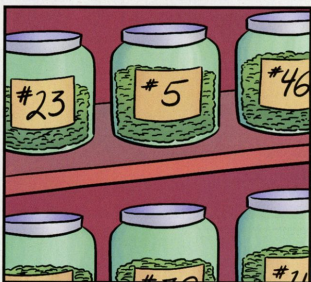
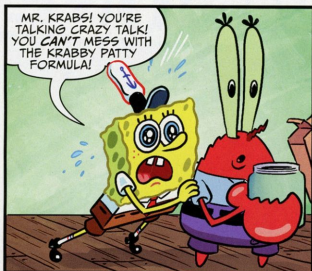
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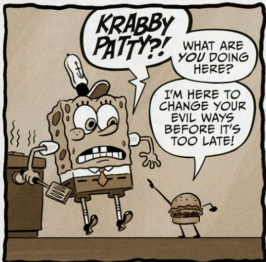
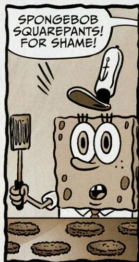
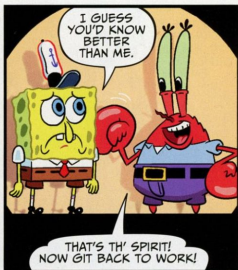


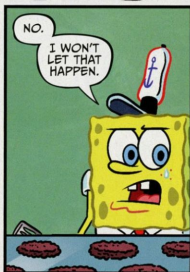
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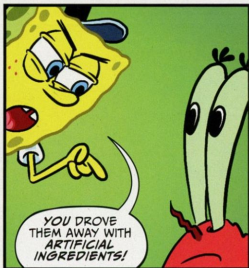
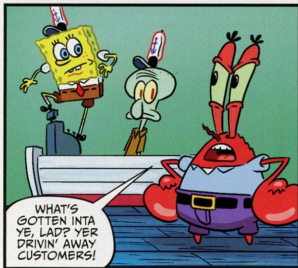
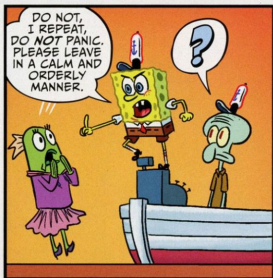
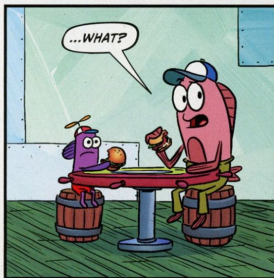
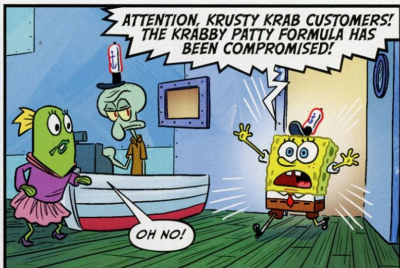


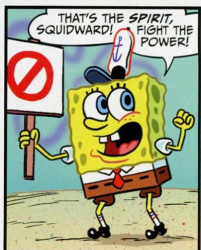
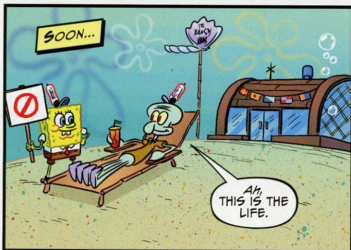
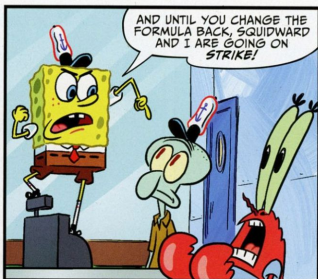
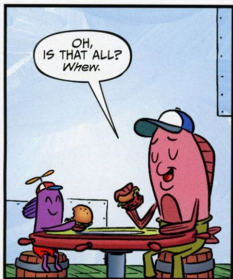


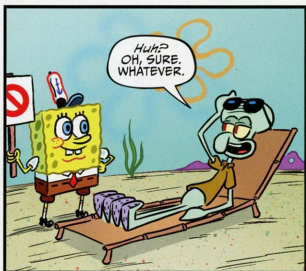
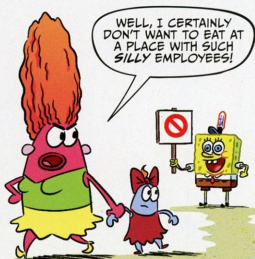
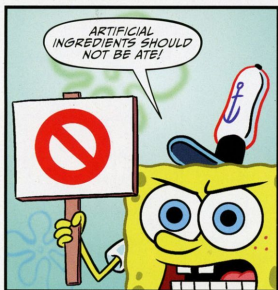
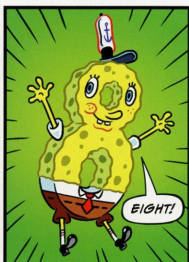
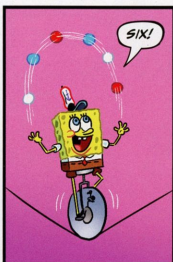


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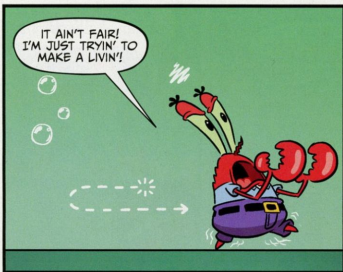


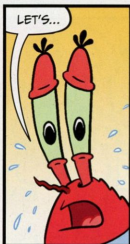
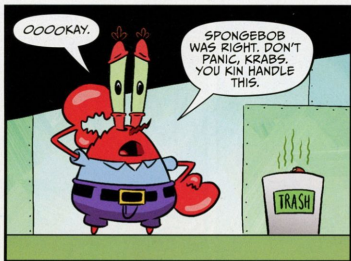








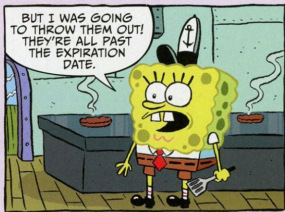




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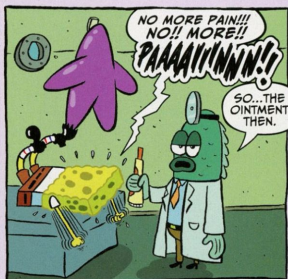
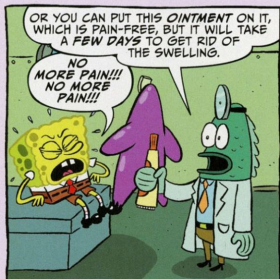
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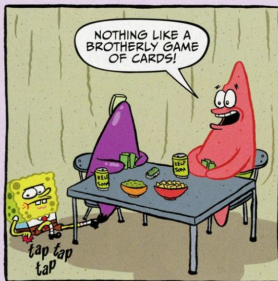
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